

Nadler Introduces 9/11 Memorial Resolution

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) yesterday introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives expressing the body's support for the construction of a permanent memorial at the World Trade Center site. New York State's entire House delegation joined Congressman Nadler in cosponsoring the resolution.

“The construction of a permanent 9/11 memorial is an endeavor that everyday Americans care about deeply,” Congressman Nadler said. “This resolution makes clear that the House of Representatives feels just as strongly.”

Supporters hope the resolution will build support for the memorial effort and assist the Foundation in its fundraising and public information efforts.

“The House of Representatives recognizes the importance of establishing a national memorial at the World Trade Center site, as the highest honor the Nation can confer to commemorate and mourn the events of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001,” the resolution states, “and supports the efforts of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation to build a permanent memorial at the World Trade Center site.”

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation has selected a design for the memorial and has founded the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation to begin the fundraising and construction processes. The resolution introduced yesterday communicates the House's support for the project.

The full text of the resolution appears below.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of establishing a national memorial

at the World Trade Center site to commemorate

and mourn the events of February 26, 1993, and September

11, 2001.

Whereas on February 26, 1993, terrorists detonated a bomb
in the basement of the World Trade Center in an attempt
to destroy the building, killing six and wounding hundreds;

Whereas on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian
aircraft, causing two of them to crash into the twin
towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a
third into the Pentagon, and a fourth in rural southwest
Pennsylvania;

Whereas nearly 3,000 people were killed at the World Trade
Center site in the most lethal terrorist attack ever committed
against the United States;

Whereas the attack on the World Trade Center resulted in
great destruction and damage to homes, churches,
schools, and commercial and retail buildings, causing the
loss of approximately sixty thousand jobs and many businesses

in Lower Manhattan, and wounding incalculable

numbers of citizens of New York;

Whereas the human and emotional toll of this attack has

been deeply and profoundly felt in New York, by Americans

across the United States, and people throughout the

world;

Whereas the attacks united Americans with all good citizens

of the world, regardless of political, ethnic, or religious

persuasion or affiliation;

Whereas in the months and years since the historic events of

February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001, hundreds

of thousands of people have visited the World Trade Center

site to mourn the dead, to pay tribute to the heroic

action and sacrifice of the firefighters, police, emergency

personnel, and other responders, and to attempt to understand

the nature of this attack on the United States;

Whereas many citizens, family members, local residents and businesses, professional organizations, State and local officials, and constituencies around the Nation and the world are deeply interested in the successful planning and rebuilding process at the World Trade Center site;

Whereas a broad and deep consensus has emerged in the United States that this is a sacred site that cannot be forgotten and must be honored;

Whereas the site of the World Trade Center requires the highest form of national recognition;

Whereas the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation has been established to create a permanent memorial at the site to honor the victims and heroes of the attacks;

Whereas Presidents Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, and William J. Clinton serve as Honorary Members of the Board of the Foundation to support its mission, underscoring the wide support of the effort to

build a permanent and appropriate memorial at the
World Trade Center site;

Whereas in April 2003, the Lower Manhattan Development
Corporation launched the largest design competition in
history for the creation of a permanent memorial, with
designs submitted by 5,201 individual participants from
63 nations and 49 States; and

Whereas after a distinguished 13-member jury reviewed every
submission, on January 6, 2004, the jury announced the
winning memorial design, Reflecting Absence by architect
Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of establishing a
national memorial at the World Trade Center site,
as the highest honor the Nation can confer to com-
memorate and mourn the events of February 26,
1993, and September 11, 2001;

and (2) supports the efforts of the World Trade

Center Memorial Foundation to build a permanent

memorial at the World Trade Center site.

Cosponsors include all members of the New York House delegation: Gary Ackerman (D-5th), Timothy Bishop (D-1st), Sherwood Boehlert (R-24th), Joseph Crowley (D-7th), Eliot Engel (D-17th), Vito Fossella (R-13th), Brian Higgins (D-27th), Maurice Hinchey (D-22nd), Steve Israel (D-2nd), Sue Kelly (R-19th), Pete King (R-3rd), Randy Kuhl (R-29th), Nita Lowey (D-18th), Carolyn McCarthy (D-4th), John McHugh (R-23rd), Michael McNulty (D-21st), Carolyn Maloney (D-14th), Gregory Meeks (D- 6th), Major Owens (D-11th), Charles Rangel (D-15th), Thomas Reynolds (R-26th), José Serrano (D-16th), Louise Slaughter (D-28th), John Sweeney (R-20th), Edolphus Towns (D-10th), Nydia Velázquez (D-12th), Jim Walsh (R-25th), and Anthony Weiner (D-9th).

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